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1. AGATT DISCUSSED SUBJECT REFTEL DECEMBER 15 WITH MR. MOBASHARI, IN CHARGE OF SUGAR IN CEREALS, SUGAR AND TEA ORGANIZATION OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. MOBASHARI COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH GOLODETZ CLAIM FOR DEMURRAGE ON 13,000 TONS SUGAR SHIPPED ON THE GOLDEN KNIGHT II.
2. HE INFORMED AGATT THAT OF 38 SHIPS WITH SUGAR DEMURRAGE CLAIMS, ALL BUT 3 OR 4 HAD BEEN PAID.
3. HIS ORGANIZATION INTENDS TO PAY ALL CLAIMS, INCLUDING GOLODETZ BUT FOUND DAILY DEMURRAGE RATE OF \$6,000 HIGH, WHERE MOST OTHER RATES ON SIMILAR CARGOES WERE \$3,000-4,000. ANOTHER CLAIM WAS FOR \$10,000 PER DAY, ALSO MUCH TOO HIGH, HE ASSERTED.
4. MR. MOBASHARI ASKED AGATT TO INFORM GOLODETZ THAT HPP ORGANIZATION WANTS TO SETTLE THIS CLAIM BUT AT A NEGOTIATED RATE. AGATT SO INFORMED GOLODETZ COUNSEL, MR. WALTER RILEY, BY PHONE DECEMBER 15.

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5. OBJECTION TO DEMURRAGE RATES ASKED BY U.S. SHIPPERS HAVE ALSO BEEN FACTOR IN LONG DELAYING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS ON RICE, VEGOIL, WHEAT, ETC. AGATT AND ECON/COMM OFFICERS HESITATE TO SUGGEST GOLODETZ NEGOTIATE LOWER RATE, BUT THAT IS APPARENTLY WHAT GOI EXPECTS.
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